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Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 2131-008]

**Wisconsin Electric Power Company;
Notice of Availability of Environmental
Assessment**

December 27, 1996.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA analyzes the environmental impacts of an application by Wisconsin Electric Power Company (licensee) to grant an easement to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for about 1,366 acres of land in the Kingsford Hydroelectric Project boundary. The WDNR wants to include these lands in its new Spread Eagle Barrens State Natural Area (State Natural Area). The State Natural Area is being created by the WDNR to preserve, restore, and manage rare pine barrens/bracken grasslands in the vicinity of the Kingsford Hydroelectric Project. Approving the application to grant the easement would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Kingsford Hydroelectric Project is located on the Menominee River in Florence County, Wisconsin and Dickinson County, Michigan.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

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**Environmental Impact Statements;
Notice of Availability**

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed December 23,

1996 Through December 27, 1996

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 960596, Draft EIS, NPS, AS, National Park of American Samoa, Implementation, General Management Plan, Islands of Tutulla, Ta'u and Ofu, Territory of American Samoa, Due: February 18, 1997, Contact: Alan Schmierer (415) 744-3971.

EIS No. 960597, Draft EIS, BLM, CA, U.S. Army's Land Acquisition Project for National Training Center, Fort Irwin, San Bernardino County, CA, Due: April 04, 1997, Contact: Mike DeKeyrel (619) 255-8730.

EIS No. 960598, Final EIS, BLM, NV, Ruby Hill Gold Mining Operations Project, Implementation, Battle Mountain District, Plan of Operations and COE Section 404 Permit, Eureka County, NV, Due: February 03, 1997, Contact: Christopher Stubbs (702) 635-4000.

EIS No. 960599, Draft Supplement, COE, NJ, Green Brook Sub-Basin Flood Control Plan, Updated Information concerning a Revised Recommended Plan and Mitigation Plan, Implementation, Middlesex, Union and Somerset Counties, NJ, Due: February 18, 1997, Contact: William Richardson (212) 264-1275.

EIS No. 960600, Final EIS, AFS, AK, South Lindenberg Timber Sale(s), Timber Harvesting, Tongass National Forest, Stikine Area, Kupreanof Island, AK, Due: February 03, 1997, Contact: Jim Thompson (907) 772-3871.

EIS No. 960601, Draft EIS, DOI, UT, Upalco Unit/Uinta Basin Replacement Project, Water Supply Management, Approvals and Permits Issuance, Duchesne and Uintah Counties, UT, Due: March 04, 1997, Contact: Terry Holzworth (801) 226-7100. The US Department of the Interior and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District are Joint Lead Agencies on the above project.

EIS No. 960602, Draft EIS, FRC, ND, SD, MN, MT, IA, IL, Northern Border Project, Natural Gas Transportation, Pipeline and Facilities Expansion and Construction, Permits and Right-of-Way Grant Issuance, ND, SD, MN, MT, IA and IL, Due: February 18, 1997, Contact: Laura Turner (202) 208-0916.

Dated: December 30, 1996.

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Environmental Protection Agency

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**Notice of Availability of Pollution
Prevention Grants and Announcement
of Financial Assistance Programs
Eligible for Review**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Pollution Prevention Grants.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$5 million in fiscal year 1997 grant/cooperative agreement funds under the Pollution Prevention Incentives for States (PPIS) grant program. The grant dollars are targeted at State and Tribal programs that address the reduction or elimination of pollution across all environmental media: air, land, and water. Grants/cooperative agreements will be awarded under the authority of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Your EPA Regional Pollution Prevention Coordinator. Contact names for each Regional Office are listed under Unit VI. of this preamble.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Approximately \$30 million has been awarded to more than 100 State, Tribal, and regional organizations under EPA's multimedia pollution prevention grant program, since its inception in 1989.

In November 1990, the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (the Act) (Pub. L. 101-508) was enacted, establishing as national policy that pollution should be prevented or reduced at the source whenever feasible. Section 6603 of the Act defines source reduction as any practice that:

(1) Reduces the amount of any hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant entering any waste stream or otherwise released into the environment (including fugitive emissions) prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal.

(2) Reduces the hazards to public health and the environment associated with the release of such substances, pollutants, or contaminants.

EPA further defines pollution prevention as the use of other practices that reduce or eliminate the creation of pollutants through increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water, or other resources, or protection of natural resources, or protection of natural resources by conservation.

Section 6605 of the Act authorizes EPA to make matching grants to States